



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Haselbeck, R. <i>et al.</i>		Confirmation No.:	7191	
Serial No.:	09/815,242	Case No.:	E1025Y	Art Unit:	1635
Filed:	March 21, 2001		Examiner:	Terra C. Gibbs	
For:	IDENTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL GENES IN PROKARYOTES				

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 7, 2007 which set a 30 day period for response that expires on October 7, 2007.

In the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 filed June 13, 2007, Applicants labeled claims "13. - 30." as "3. - 30." (inadvertently omitting a 1). As such, there was confusion as to the status of pending claim 12. Applicants have supplied a copy of the claims herewith correcting the typographical error.

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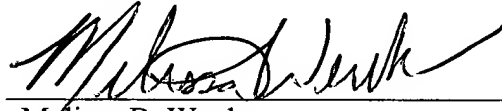
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No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required for consideration of this submission to deposit account 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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